2026-2027

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CANADIAN MALTING BARLEY TECHNICAL CENTRE

MALTING BARLEY

RECOMMENDED VARIETIES

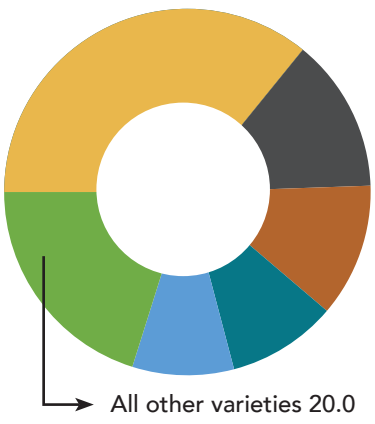
The Recommended list is developed in consultation with Canadian Malting Barley Technical Centre (CMBTC) members. This list highlights varieties tested at the CMBTC that show strong malting characteristics and market potential.

2026-2027 RECOMMENDED VARIETIES

VARIETY	EXPORT DEMAND	DOMESTIC DEMAND	DISTRIBUTOR
AAC CONNECT	Growing ↑	Growing ↑	CANTERRA SEEDS
CDC FRASER	Growing ↑	Growing ↑	SeCan
CDC CHURCHILL	Growing ↑	Growing ↑	SeCan
AAC SYNERGY	Peaked –	Peaked –	FP Genetics
CDC COPELAND	Declining ↓	Declining ↓	SeCan

Please consult with your grain or malting company representatives about marketing and contracting opportunities when choosing a variety.

2025 SEEDED AREA BY MAJOR MALTING VARIETY PERCENTAGE (%) - WESTERN CANADA



VARIETY	2023	2024	2025
AAC SYNERGY	32.2	33.6	35.6
CDC COPELAND	22.3	17.4	13.5
AAC CONNECT	12.3	12.4	11.7
CDC CHURCHILL	3.1	7.1	9.6
CDC FRASER	6.4	8.4	8.9

Distribution of malting barley varieties as a percentage (%) of area seeded with malting barley in western Canada in 2025. Source: CGC (based on data from provincial crop insurance agencies).

VARIETIES IN DEVELOPMENT

These newly registered varieties are being tested and promoted for commercial market acceptance. If you're interested in trying them, contact your seed distributor to learn about trial opportunities.

VARIETY	DISTRIBUTOR	FEATURES	MARKET
AAC PRAIRIE	CANTERRA SEEDS	Short, strong straw; medium protein; high enzyme	Adjunct brewing, distilling
AB FOOTHILLS	CANTERRA SEEDS	High yield; lower protein; high enzyme	Adjunct brewing, distilling
SY STANZA	FP Genetics	Short, strong straw, medium protein, low enzyme, non-GN[1]	Adjunct and craft brewing, distilling

There are also contracting opportunities for:

CDC Goldstar (CANTERRA SEEDS)	**Legacy** (FP Genetics)	**Bill Coors 100** (Stamp Seeds)

To discuss contracting opportunities for these varieties, please contact the following companies: Prairie Malt (Boortmalt) - CDC Goldstar; Bunge - Legacy; Molson Coors - Bill Coors 100.

[1]Non glycosidic-nitrile barley varieties are suitable for all-malt distilling.

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